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Commander in Chief Pacific  
and  
United States Pacific Fleet  
c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

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21 January 1953

Dear Mr. Dulles:

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As a result of my review of the record of proceedings of the [redacted] Conference, South East Asia, held

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[redacted] 10-12 December 1952, I feel that I should make known to you my conclusion that closer cooperation and understanding between the Central Intelligence Agency and the Pacific Command in regard to these conferences is desirable. I write you this, feeling that neither you nor General Smith, were apprised of the situation that developed prior to the above mentioned conference.

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When meetings of Security Intelligence sub-committees (currently with the Naval, Air, and Ground sub-committee) were proposed prior to the [redacted] Conference held in [redacted] February 1952, the Chief of Naval Operations informed me that by agreement, the CIA would furnish the U.S. representative for this sub-committee. The CIA also designated a representative for the [redacted] Conference held [redacted] June 1952.

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In response to my request to nominate a representative to the succeeding [redacted] Conference, the CIA named their Intelligence Liaison Representative with CINCPAC at Pearl Harbor, [redacted]

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Agreed conference procedure called for submission of agenda items six weeks in advance and forwarding of answers two weeks in advance of the Conference. It had been previously agreed that the CIA would prepare the answers and the U.S. position paper on questions referred to the Security Intelligence Sub-committee. The answers prepared by the CIA, in this instance, were considered to be unduly brief, consisting in many cases of "no information". In

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you know, CINCPACFLT is designated the representative of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, [REDACTED]

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Since the beginning of these meetings, it has been my aim to demonstrate fairness, frankness and good-will within the basic terms of reference. I have been gratified to have the CIA representative as head of the sub-committee on Security Intelligence in the past, and I sincerely hope that the situation described above does not, in fact, represent a change of policy by the CIA. Should a change in this policy be deemed appropriate, I feel that such change should be officially communicated to me in order that further arrangements for future conferences can be made in a timely manner.

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I have written you this, personally, to avoid the irritating aspects an adverse official report so often carries with it. My official report on this Conference merely stated that comments and recommendations on the proceedings of the Security Intelligence Sub-Committee would be communicated directly to the Director of the CIA.

I plan to be in Washington early in February and if you desire, I should be happy to discuss any phase of this matter with you. In anticipation of seeing you in the near future and with best personal regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

/s/ ARTHUR RADFORD

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